GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF PRAWN
AVSM, BRIG.(RETD.) KAMAKHYA PRASAD SINGH DEO

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that super cyclone in Orissa has doubled the Prawn yield;

(b) if so , the facts thereof;

(c) the efforts made by the Government to boost the prawn culture in order to export the same ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) : According to the Government of Orissa, there is no information regarding doubling of shrimp production due to cyclone. However, upwelling arising out of cyclonic conditions may result in increased production of fin and shell fishes, which can only be known after a certain interval of time.

(c) : The efforts made by the Government to boost Prawn culture for increased export inter-alia include :

i) Development of scientific shrimp farming through Brackishwater Fish FarmersDevelopment Agencies/Fish Farmers Development Agencies and providing package of technical, financial and extension support to prawn farmers;

ii) human resource development by establishing demonstration-cum-training centres;

iii) issue of guidelines outlining measures for development and management of sustainable brackishwater aquaculture practices;

iv) regulate shrimp farming activities in coastal areas in an eco-friendly manner by setting up an Aquaculture Authority under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986; and

v) implementation of a World Bank Project on Shrimp and Fish Culture to developan area of about 798 hectares in the States of Orissa, West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh to promote shrimp farming.